

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An e-commerce based method for requesting information and purchasing products from a dealer through a manufacturer, the method comprising:

sending a request for detailed dealer information to a manufacturer server system hosting a manufacturer's web site and a plurality of dealer web sites, using a client system;

displaying real-time detailed dealer information on said client system based on said request;

receiving said real-time detailed dealer information from said manufacturer server system; and

accessing said real-time detailed dealer information with said manufacturer server system from a remote dealer server system via a middleware application system.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further including sending a quote number from said remote dealer server system with said detailed dealer information for identifying said request.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2, further including purchasing an item with said client system that further includes the steps of:

sending said quote number to said manufacturer server system;

sending said quote number with said manufacturer server system to said remote dealer server system via said middleware application system;

completing said purchasing with said remote dealer server system;

sending a confirmation number to said manufacturer server system; and

sending said confirmation number with said manufacturer server system to said client system.

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